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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government of India have issued the requisite revised notifications in February 1929. They were republished in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 19th March 1929.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know if this notification has got any retrospective effect? Does it refer to collections already made?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Introduction of the Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 67 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state when the Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act will be introduced by the Government in the Council?

A.—The Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act is undergoing final scrutiny and will be introduced in the Council when it is ready.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The Government say that they cannot exactly say when the Bill will be ready. May I ask them if they will give facilities for a private Bill?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It depends on what is contained in the private Bill."

Collection of contributions to the Temple Committees.

* 68 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposals for the collection of contributions to the Temple Committees and to the Board more easily and more satisfactorily than now and if so, what they are?

A.—The matter is under consideration and nothing has been decided as yet.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" How long has the matter been under consideration and when does the Government expect to come to a decision?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is impossible to say when a decision will be reached."

Tours

Work done by the hon. the Chief Minister in his tour to the Ganjam district.

* 69 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the official work transacted in his recent tour (in April) to the district of Ganjām?

A.—(1) Visited the Aska bridge.
(2) Opened an elementary school building at Kukkudakhandy.
(3) Travelled all the way from Berhampur to Waltair by road and saw the condition in which the trunk road was.